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Residents protest proposed Cobblestone development

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Residents on Hoeft Road and Huron River Drive in Van Buren Township came to protest a planned residential development at a public hearing last week.

Citizens spoke out against the project to members of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission Dec. 18. One developer, Cobblestone Development of Auburn Hills, wants to construct Cobblestone Ridge, which would consist of 108 single family homes and 69 condominiums. Another developer, C.A. Kime of Warren, would like to build Cobblestone Creek, which would include 154 single family homes and 104 attached condominiums.

The combined developments would be constructed on

the south side of Huron River Drive, west of Elwell Road and east of Hoeft Road. Two public hearings were scheduled since the project is a joint venture between two developers—Cobblestone and Kime—according to Carol Thompson, planning commission chairperson.

Anthony Randazzo from Cobblestone Development told the audience that the firm designed the development with a goal of keeping as much of the area as possible in a natural state.

"We're sensitive to the environment," he said. "You can't touch anything that's environmentally protected."

There are more than 40 acres of woodlands surrounding the area. The development would include walkways, jogging paths and ponds, according to Randazzo.

"It doesn't have to have a congested feel. It's very open," he said. Houses would be predominantly brick. "We feel this project will be a real asset to the community," he added.

But residents believe the area is not equipped to handle an influx of additional population. Their concerns include the increased traffic in the area with the addition of more than 400 homes, the expected loss of wildlife in the area, fear of tax increases and an increased need for public services such as electricity and fire station proximity.

"Traffic congestion is a concern. It's not going to ease

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Holiday concert

Students from Kathy Motyka's second-grade class at Barth Elementary in Romulus had their Kwanzaa outfits and voices ready for the school annual holiday concert. They joined students from other classes to perform several selections. Shown in their Kwanzaa finery, left to right, are Aaron Arthur, Jennifer Cronk, Ashley Podczervinski, Andre Temple-Young, Kevin Krampitz, Brittany Brayton, Alicia Long and Christian Mascorro. Kwanzaa is an African-American cultural celebration observed between Dec. 26 and Jan. 1.

Local poet's work displayed at new mall

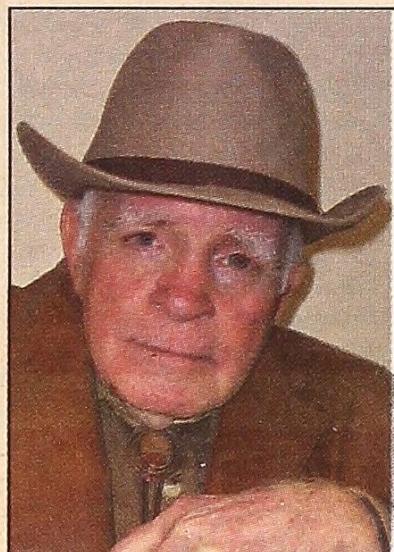
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Andy Warhol, a commercial artist popular in the 1960s, once said that everyone has 15 minutes of fame during his or her lifetime.

If that's true, then Edward A. Kind, a poet and resident of Romulus, recently experienced one of his minutes.

A local architectural firm, JPRA Architects of Farmington Hills, recently asked Kind to produce some poetic phrases to be sandblasted on glass partitions at a new shopping center—The Mall of Millenia—in Orlando, Fla.

The mall features a nature theme, Man and his Universe, with areas such as the Fern Court and the Orchid Court. When the firm decided to design the glass partitions with poetic phrases about nature, James Ryan, president of JPRA, select-



Edward A. Kind

ed Kind as one of the artists to be involved in the project. Kind's words are displayed in the Orchid Court.

"We wanted something cultural and educational," Ryan said. "We have flora and fauna in particular courts supported by words."

Ryan was familiar with the local poet's work because he had received a book of Kind's, *A Kind of Philosophy*, as a gift more than 15 years ago. Ryan said he has used many of the book's messages as gifts to his children both in their developmental years and as adults.

When Ryan decided to try to use Kind's work in the project, he began a search for the artist. "I didn't know where in the country he lived. Here he was right here in Romulus," he said.

"We told him, 'We're doing this project. Would you mind designing something at the mall?' We gave him a tour of our offices, and he watched a video of the mall. Now the words of Edward are going to read by people all over the world," Ryan said.

"We're happy to have his work displayed at the center," Ryan said.

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Public hearing set for injection well exemption

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The Environmental Protection Agency will host a public hearing Jan. 8 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on a proposal to exempt Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) from federal restrictions on the two hazardous waste injection wells to be built in Romulus.

If the EPA grants the exemption to EDS, the company, headquartered in Birmingham with an office in Romulus, may use the wells to dispose of regulated liquid hazardous waste.

The informational meeting will run from 5 to 7 p.m., with the public hearing to follow. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at 8000 Merriman Road.

Federal officials said that the EDS petition for an exemption meets requirements and the company can sink hazardous waste in the wells. The EPA may withdraw the exemption if any conditions change.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in Lansing makes a final decision on whether EDS may dispose of liquid hazardous waste in Romulus, according to Timothy Keyes, economic development director for the city.

Airport parking tax revision nets City of Romulus \$1.5 million yearly

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The Michigan State Legislature approved a bill Friday to revise a 30 percent county parking tax at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, which will provide the City of Romulus \$1.5 million in revenue for the next five years.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton Township), slashes the revenue generated from the airport parking tax to about \$8 million from \$16 million.

About \$6 million of the \$8 million will be redirected to finance a bond program for security upgrades at airports throughout

Michigan. The tax was approved by the Legislature in 1987 as part of a fiscal bailout plan for Wayne County.

Romulus officials were pleased with the news. "We've never had this kind of revenue before," said Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert. "We only received \$1.1 million in the last fiscal year, and it was expected to go down," he added.

Lambert said the next step for the City of Romulus would be to revisit Lansing to try to extend the tax for 15 years instead of just five. Wayne County retains most of the parking tax, which applies to all private parking lots within 5 miles of the airport.

School receives \$10,000 grant to buy computers

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Computers are no longer a luxury item in schools.

They are a necessity, with children being introduced to the technology as early as second grade.

Students at Edgemont Elementary School in Belleville now have a new computer lab following a collaborative effort between the Dana Corp. Foundation, Meijer and the Edgemont Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant to the school for a computer lab.

Dawn Elgas, an Edgemont parent, Dana Corp. Foundation board member and human resources manager for Dana's Clevite Engine Parts in Ann Arbor, visited the school last week to present the check.

Terry Shively, general manager, and Sara Kaczmarek, human resources administrator for Clevite Engine Parts, also came to see the new lab.

A year ago, the Edgemont PTO made a commitment to help fund a computer lab, according to Principal Barb Faler.

The Belleville Meijer store came on board as a Partner in Education last spring, making a donation of \$2,500. Earlier this school year, Faler donated proceeds from a school fund-raiser to purchase lab software, too.

The computer lab will become an important part of the school program for all children at Edgemont, she said.

The new lab features 15 computers and is located off the school media center. "This room was specifically built as a computer room," Faler said.

Barbara Kohler, media specialist at the school, will teach basic computer skills to

all classes. Instruction will include keyboarding, word processing, multi-media presentations and encyclopedia use.

Students will receive computer instruction every week during their two 35-minute library periods. They can also schedule additional computer time on Mondays.

The Edgemont Technology Committee, co-chaired by Kohler and second grade teacher Karen Peters, has spent more than a year developing the school computer curriculum.

The iMac computers, made by Apple Computer Inc., will eventually have Internet access, Faler said.

"We plan to establish a network server in phase two of the project so that classrooms can communicate with each other," Faler said.

Apple will send a computer consultant to assist Edgemont teachers, according to Faler.

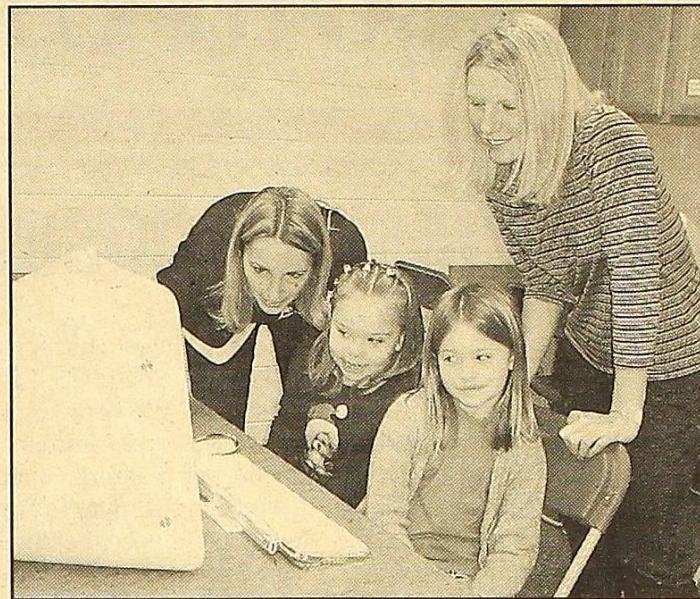
"We need to in-service our people first," she said.

A recent survey of families conducted by the school showed that 38 percent of homes had computers last year. This year, the percentage jumped to 65 percent, with close to 50 percent having Internet access.

"However, the majority of the children are using computers for games," Faler said. So, the school educational instruction should benefit the students.

"We were really thankful to be able to help the Van Buren Township school system," Elgas said. "This project fit in with the Dana Foundation's mission."

The Dana Corp. Foundation, established for charitable purposes, is interested in education; revitalizing neighborhoods and communities; enlightening lives through art and culture and improving physical and mental well-being.



Dawn Elgas, left, Dana Corp. Foundation Board member and Human Resources manager for Clevite Engine Parts in Ann Arbor, and Sara Kaczmarek, Human Resources manager for Clevite, look at one of the new computers the foundation helped fund in the new Edgemont Elementary School computer lab. Checking out the new Apple iMacs are second-graders Samantha Carles and Megan Weiman of Belleville.

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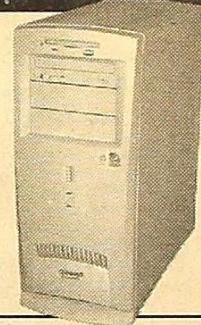
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Students make wagons for Romulus charity

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Staff writer

Romulus Middle School students and volunteers made a lot of local needy children happy this Christmas in an annual project.

Students in the industrial technology program and volunteers join hands each holiday season to construct 50 red wagons in an annual fundraiser, according to Frank Zarzycki, who teaches the class.

Zarzycki said he recruited some of his most talented students come in after school and on Saturdays to help build the wooden toys. He then sold them as Christmas presents for \$20 each and will donate the \$1,000 to the Romulus Helping Hand Thrift Shop.

"It is really rewarding to see our mass production process take place," Zarzycki said. "We make 50 parts for each section of the wagons, paint them and then start the assembly process."

Romulus High School science teacher Lance Knudson was still able to participate in the fundraising project this year despite his extra duties as manager of the new school district swimming pool complex at the high school.

Volunteer Fred Stafford, a retired City of Wayne police officer, also assisted the group.

"The students enjoy seeing their work gradually materialize into the special red wagons while they also learn a lot from community volunteers who are experienced in carpentry," Zarzycki said.



Romulus Middle School industrial technology students build 50 red play wagons each year in a holiday fund-raising project. Proceeds from the sale of the wagons go to the Romulus Helping Hands Thrift Shop. Community volunteers such as Fred Stafford and Lance Knudson, back row, helped teacher Frank Zarzycki, far right, and students, left to right, Rick Schonscheck, Jordan Moffat, Wayne Police Heather Bavol and Krystal Nault.



Christmas party committee

This year the annual Romulus School District Christmas Party featured music selected by disc jockey Mark Fernandez, Romulus Middle School band director and head of the district music department, plus a catered buffet. Members of the organizing committee were, left to right, front row: Kim Fultz, Mary Mahon, Evelyn Koerber, Karen Kusibab, and Kim Wells; back row, Lisa Hadyniak, Rick Hadyniak, Linda Madej, Betty Cantrell, John Hadyniak, Joann Prater, Carol Bales, Tyra Payne, Jenny Prater, Edie Schneider, Kay Camilleri and Cathy Crawford.

Poet - Kind words shine at mall

FROM PAGE 1

Kind, whose poems have been published in *The Detroit News*, *Associated Newspapers*, *The Huron News*, and *The Trenton Times*, as well as other publications, was thrilled to be part of the special mall project.

"It makes me feel wonderful," he said.

He even wrote a poem about the mall itself, which Ryan had inscribed on three small, decorative pieces of glass for Kind, JPRA Architects, and the developers.

Construction began in December 2000 on the mall, located about 10 miles from Disneyworld and 6 miles from downtown Orlando near Universal Studios.

The shopping center officially opened Oct. 18. The Forbes Company and The Taubman Co. served as developers on the project.

Ryan said the \$200 million project features 1.3 million square feet on two levels, which includes 530,000 square feet of store space.

On the first three opening days, more than 300,000 people visited the mall. "That's a record in shopping center annuals," Ryan said. About 80,000 to 100,000 people a day shop at the new mall.

The mall was also recently featured in a segment on the E! channel which aired in more than 500 million households internationally.

The glass partitions were mentioned as one of the mall's amenities.

Ryan said that the mall has been billed as a cultural, educational and retail icon for the area, and that it was his dream that Kind's poetry to be featured in the project.

"I'm glad that my dream of this happening for him is coming true," he said.

Although most of JPRA Architects' work has been out of state, local design projects include the Somerset Collection in Troy, Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, The Village of Rochester Hills, Fountain Walk in Novi, and new Palladium building in downtown Birmingham.

The Mall at Millenia

*The talented genius of all mankind
Has enchantingly found its way
To shine from a planet of green and blue
That once was obscure and gray*

*The bead-like diamond in the cosmic dust
Revealed the wisdom of man
Released from the lock of woman's cord
To create with its magical hand*

*A dust cloud of genius showing the way
From stars of the morning's new light
Humanities' wakened divinities force
With its rainbow of cosmic delight.*

—Edward A. Kind

Cobblestone

FROM PAGE 1

the traffic on Huron River Road. And, we're concerned about electric outages," said Carol Premo, a 34-year resident of Van Buren Township who lives on Hoeft Road. "I used to be able to walk across the road. I can no longer do that. It can take me five minutes to get out of my driveway," she said. Another resident suggested that the developers pay for a new fire station.

Bob Kennedy was worried about the effect of the development on the ecosystem.

Rick Morgan, a resident of Huron River Drive, said, "I don't want a condominium development in my back yard. I moved out here to see the deer."

Ken Butler, who lives on Huron River Drive, said, "My biggest concern is the traffic.

This is definitely a factor. I can't imagine how adding 1,000 cars to our street is going to work."

Several residents told members of the planning commission that they sensed the project was "a done deal" and their comments against the development would fall on deaf ears.

"Nothing's going to happen tonight," Thompson said. "There's no deal."

But commissioners warned that township residents would see more development in the future.

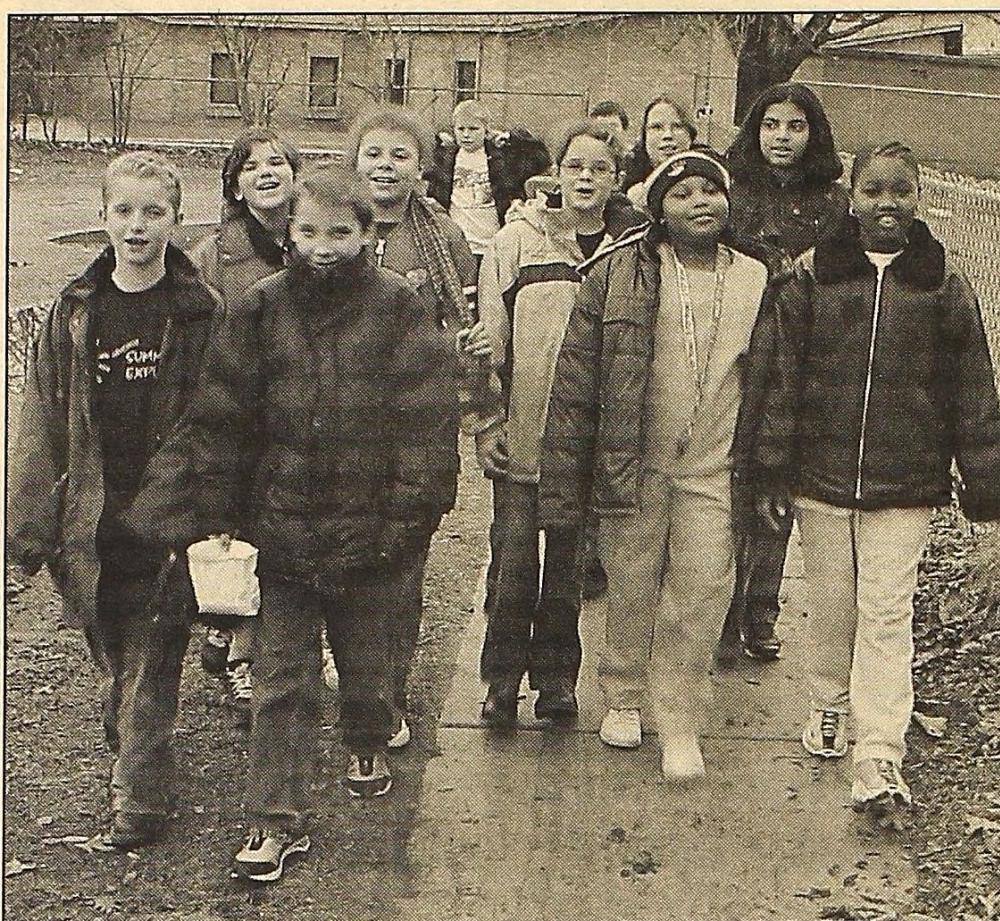
"Growth is moving west of Detroit," said commission member Sally Hodges.

Randazzo told the disgruntled residents that he would be glad to talk with them about the project if they needed more details.

"We tried to develop a product that's as good as it gets. We could have built half-acre lots and we didn't. We're trying to preserve what we could," he said.



Romulus poet Edward Kind has some of his poetry etched on glass partitions in the Orchid Court at The Mall at Millenia in Orlando, Fla.



Members of the Big Help Club, above, have earned more than \$400 used to purchase supplies for the Wayne County Family Center and participated in a clean up at Lincoln Elementary School where club members are in the fifth-grade.

Big help

Lincoln students form service club

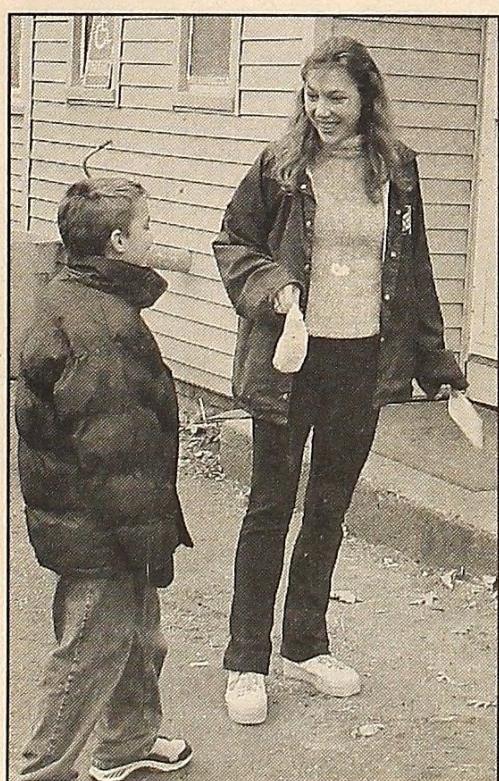
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Residents in the NorWayne area of Westland have had some big help recently. It's come from the Big Help Club, a collection of fifth graders at Lincoln Elementary School that have formed their own service club.

"It's one of my favorite things that we do here," said Wendy Lyons, a social worker at the school. She started the program last year, and it was popular enough to continue this year. She said it was designed to be an asset building exercise.

The group contains between 20-25 fifth grade students that volunteer for the program. They're taken on a first-come, first-serve basis at the beginning of the year, although Lyons said she typically opens the enrollment again after the winter break.

"We have a pretty transitory student body here at the school," she said.



Big Help Club member Dominick Nestor offers a gift basket to a NorWayne resident during one of the group's recent service projects.

*These kids want to do this.
It's not hard to get them to
come to the meetings.
They like to do these projects.*

Wendy Lyons
Social worker

"There're usually a few openings in January."

The students can only miss three meetings, which take place Wednesdays after school, and they have to participate in every service project.

Service projects so far have included a school grounds clean up in October and a walk-a-thon in November in which students earned \$400 that they used to purchase supplies for the Wayne County Family Center, a homeless shelter in the community. The top two winners went on the shopping trip with Lyons, she said.

She said the kids are learning what it's like to be an important part of the community.

"At that age, there aren't that many opportunities to do that," she said. "I thought this would be a good opportunity to get them into the mind set before they went off to middle school."

This month the group spread Christmas cheer throughout the NorWayne area, she said. They went on Christmas caroling expeditions through the neighborhoods and left Christmas ornaments on doorsteps.

She said the kids have enjoyed everything they've done so far, and attendance is rarely a problem.

"These kids want to do this," she said. "It's not hard to get them to come to the meetings. They like to do these projects."

Other projects are in the works for the remainder of the school year, too, according to Lyons. She said they'll do at least three more before the warm, lazy days of summer claim their attention.

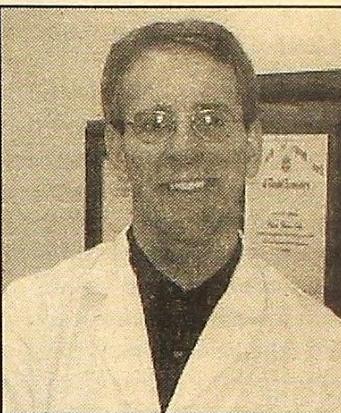
"They try to focus on community services that need their help," she said.

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OPINION

Time of transition

The holiday season means different things to different people, but as the year winds to a close and people throughout the community look ahead, we find a single word comes to mind: transition.

This is particularly apt for the state legislature, where we will find a new governor, a new attorney general, a new secretary of state and plenty of new faces in the State Senate and the House of Representatives.

Term limits in the senate have caused a turnover of a majority of the members and new, but familiar, faces like Bruce Patterson and Laura Toy, both former state representatives, will be among those who step up to fill that void.

Patterson leaves a powerful position in the State House – as Majority Floor Leader – to take on a larger district, serving more constituents. His experience both in the house and as a Wayne County commissioner will help to ensure that he isn't just another new guy, though.

Their transitions are by no means the only ones we'll see throughout the community. In Canton Township, former Trustee Phil LaJoy will exchange the cozy confines of the smooth Canton political machine to the often-hectic halls of the state legislature. He'll be taking over Patterson's position in the state house, and he'll have some large shoes to fill there. All legislators will face a difficult task in the days ahead as they tackle the many issues facing us in an unfriendly economic environment.

In Plymouth, Canton and Northville, a transition is already under way that will subtly affect the lives of nearly every resident. Some may say it started Friday morning, when Michael Gerou was sworn in as the third judge for the 35th District Court, but it actually has roots that extend back to the November election, and beyond.

Gerou may face the largest transition of all as he steps into his new role in January. He'll have to exchange client advocacy

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for the impartial robes of a local judge, preside over attorneys and residents with whom he's worked with during his legal career, with a studied, impartial eye.

Gerou has worked toward the position for so long, though, that the transition should be relatively free of bumps; he has even said he had put so much thought into the job ahead of time that he has so far not encountered anything unexpected.

He's prepared for the job since learning he was victorious over Karen Woodside last month, and eight other candidates in August. He's shadowed judges in several different district courts, asked for advice, learned what he could in anticipation of his first day in court and every day after that.

It should be pointed out that Gerou isn't the only new judge wrapping up a legal practice and taking the bench for the first time, but his situation is a bit unique in that it's one that hasn't really existed before. We've heard for several years about the need for a third judge at the court because its excessive case-load has dictated the amount of time judges can spend on each individual cases. Many times cases have been pushed through the court fast enough to spin the heads of all involved and that's not an indictment on the judges, themselves.

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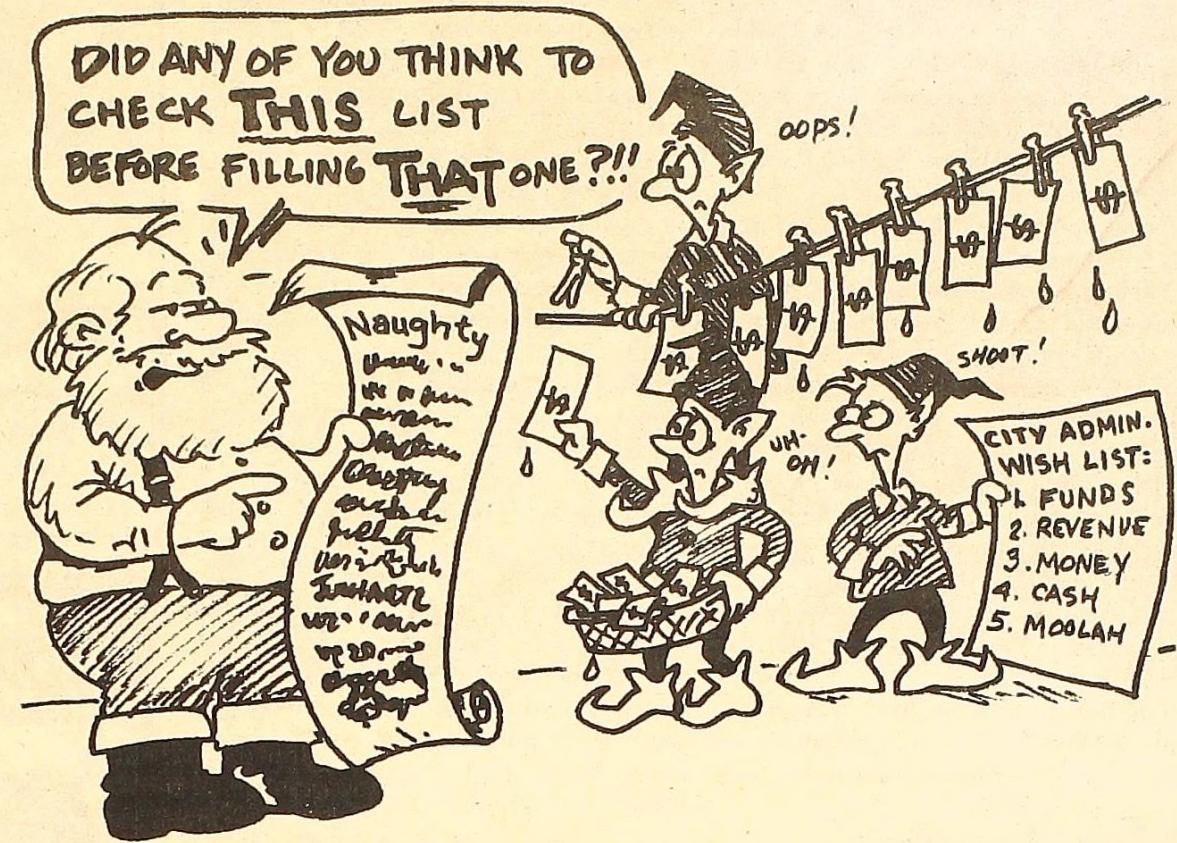
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What d'ya mean, they're right?

Last week, I was just as surprised as many people in the audience when I learned that the Westland City Council was going to change their ethics ordinance to eliminate the section that gives them the power to affirm or reject appointments to the board.

I looked up and I nearly stopped taking notes, which is what passes as shock for me nowadays. I mean, they were giving Mayor Sandra Cicirelli Carte blanche power to appoint anyone she wanted to the board.

The most surprising thing to me though only became clear after I listened further to the discussion. It wasn't that they did it, it was that they were right.

The change wasn't so much a change as an acknowledgement that they had been doing it wrong in the first place. Many of them didn't like it, but they felt it was the right thing to do, and I agree.

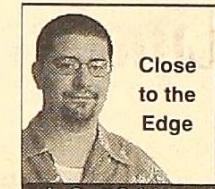
The city charter was written up and approved in 1966, before the ethics ordinance was drafted. Since the city relies on the charter to set its policy, and the charter couldn't address something that hadn't been formed, the council doesn't have any authority over the ethics board.

But I don't think this should be a dead issue. Several members of the council suggested that it might take a charter amendment to fix the problem. It is a problem, it does need to be fixed and it's not necessarily because of any of the players involved now.

The simple truth is that people rightfully get suspicious when any governmental body mucks around with the system of checks and balances. Right now, there is no check to the mayor's power to appoint residents to the board. It's not a pressing issue because the board is currently full, but it's something that needs to be addressed before an opening occurs.

It's probably something that the Westland administration won't be too keen on looking into. By nature, the process of a charter review is pretty expensive, even when only a single section is looked at. A committee would have to be formed, and any changes require a substantial amount of legal review. It's certainly not the best time to take on additional economic responsibilities, either.

That doesn't change the fact that the amendment should be made, and fast. People in Westland are suspicious enough of the people they elect. The sooner it's taken care of, the better it will be for all.



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

New Year: partly cloudy

Ah! It is nearly January. The hoary hulk of 2002 is gasping out its last breaths. Good riddance to the old buzzard!

Of course, I have lived long enough to know that the likelihood of next year being any better is slim. OK, that may be a little harsh. I actually have every reason to believe that my personal situation will improve in the coming year. But, like you, I have to live in a world that extends a little farther than the tips of my fingers. That world is not such a great place these days.

It is customary, at this time of year, to sit in front of a roaring fire and reflect on the year past and think about the year to come, making resolutions that we subconsciously resolve to break before the end of the last bowl game of the day. Sometimes,

however, one must improvise. So I conducted my annual navel-gazing exercise in the smoky environs caused by the fire I started in a Churchill-sized Stinkeroo. As I relaxed in its glow, I wondered...

- Why don't Canadians like us anymore? My grandfather was a Canadian citizen and I feel a kinship with our neighbors to the north and east. In recent months, I read that the collective Canuck consciousness does not feel friendliness toward Americans like it once did.

I do not get it. Just because our dollar buys more than theirs and our health care system is better and our football is more exciting and their hockey teams relocate in our country and...Oh, never mind.

- Why is it that whenever a



Hold the Phone
by Russ Franzen

politician says the word "bi-partisan," it means that they want to shame the other guy into doing what they want? There is an adage that one does not want to watch either laws or sausage being made. Such is rarely the case anymore. The laws are so knee-jerk in nature that they are more like buying brown-and-serves at the store. Debate is a word loosely applied to the process of making short speeches that makes the folks watching C-Span feel warm and fuzzy. The parties are so fractionized that decisions are made with one purpose in mind - staying in power. The result of this erosion of the political landscape

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Hate free zone prevails

The Rev. Fred Phelps and his followers, known for their hatred of gays and lesbians, planned on demonstrating outside of some churches in Ferndale last weekend because their leaders are apparently distorting biblical teachings.

You may recall Phelps as the man who picketed the funeral of Matthew Shepard, the gay college student in Wyoming who was the victim of a fatal hate crime in 1998.

Phelps's campaign to "convert" people to his way of thinking is called "God Hates Fags." His campaign against Ferndale is called "God Hates Ferndale" because city leaders and five churches tolerate gays and lesbians, according to recent reports.

But Phelps didn't show up for the campaign in Ferndale. Ten of his children and grandchildren showed up to picket outside of churches, the city council and police station and were met with three dozen counterdemonstrators promoting a "hate-free zone."

The Rev. Dennis Paulson of the First United Methodist Church in Ferndale has said Phelps is "a complete embarrassment to Christianity."

Amen. And again I say, amen.

I understand that most Christians are not mean-spirited and do not take such extreme measures to oppose a policy or lifestyle. Hateful language and demeaning demonstrations do not make people want to listen to a message. Love and compassion, a trademark of Christianity, is not conveyed in this manner.

But Phelps seems to lack love and compassion and chooses to be self-righteous instead. And I dare say it stems from his own interpretation of the Christian message. This is part of the great paradox that drives many people away from the main-

stream Christian religions. How can a loving, compassionate God love people so conditionally?

For the record, I don't believe God hates anyone. Many Christians say God loves everyone, but the underlying message in some churches is God ultimately loves you only if you accept Jesus and become a Christian. I believe this can lead to the idea that a God of conditional love means we can love each other conditionally.

Phelps's daughter, Shirley Phelps-Roper, was quoted as saying, "If you do not preach the hatred of God, then you are a fraud."

I have read elsewhere that Phelps believes he is working for the good of the people and is ultimately very compassionate, as gays and lesbians will have to answer to God. His extreme measures of promoting this belief do not appeal to the majority of Christians. His mentality that there is only one right way with God suggests people of all religions should take things to a point where love and compassion are left behind. Everyone certainly has the right to oppose a lifestyle or social policy and claim it is out of love and concern, but to convey a convincing message it should be delivered with such love and concern.

We each have the right to our individual beliefs in America and I hope this right will remain. We live in a society where diverse beliefs can coexist peacefully. Love and compassion are found in most religions, just as they are found in most people, regardless of creed.

I hope love and compassion will always prevail in Ferndale.

Cloudy - What will 2003 bring each of us?

FROM PAGE 5

is that a lot more bad laws are approved by party line votes.

Speaking of knee-jerk, feel-good, warm and fuzzy laws, what will be the main focus of our state legislature this year? This year, we will feel the full force and effect of term limits. The political veterans who young lawmakers once went to for advice are gone along with a sense of legislative history. Will we, therefore, have a legislature run, essentially, by staffers and lobbyists, the people who have been there the longest? Oh, well. If the term limit law does not work, we can always revert to the old way, where we had freedom to keep or kick the legislators we did not like. Then, we can do something that will really change the way business is done in Lansing - make the legislature part time.

- What will be the unintended consequences of our war with Iraq? The reasons

for our imminent incursion into Iraq to wrest a murderous thug from power notwithstanding, there will be, excuse the term, fallout from it that affects us. For example, as Baghdad smolders, will one of our cities feel the revenge of terrorist sympathizers? If so, how will We The People react? Will we tell our government, in the words of boxer Roberto Duran, "No Mas?" Will we allow the government's security noose to tighten around our necks, using cameras and electronic surveillance to choke out even more of our personal freedoms? The only thing I know for sure is that there will be unintended consequences. There always are. They are seldom good.

I would like to believe that 2003 will be a fresh start, but each year builds on the one before. The fire is down to my knuckles now. It is time to move on. To think. To do. To make my world better because it is the only world that I can control.

Transition - New Year is time of change

FROM PAGE 5

It's a problem that has long vexed the court, which has tried to solve it with visiting judges and a part-time magistrate, and it's not something that will be solved right away. There's a learning curve to factor in as Gerou gets up to speed.

Even so, the eyes of the community will - or should be - on the court as this transition period continues. As Gerou gets more comfortable with his new role, we'd like the 35th District Court rise to the forefront of local courts in the State of Michigan and work toward making the experience of any who needs to stand before a judge -

whether as a petitioner for justice or to defend themselves - as positive as possible.

Year-end transitions aren't confined to our political representatives. Many of us are facing new challenges as the New Year approaches.

Some of us will welcome new members to their families, take on new jobs or, after reflecting on their achievements of the year and goals for the next one, take a new approach with their existing families and employment.

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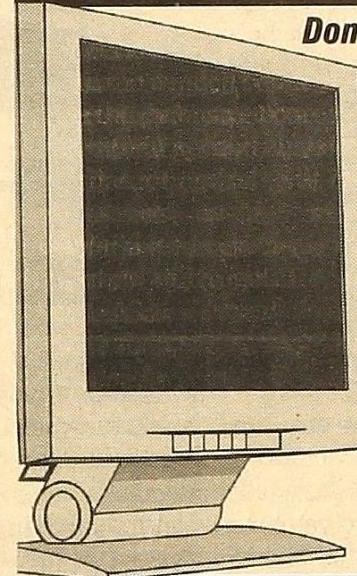
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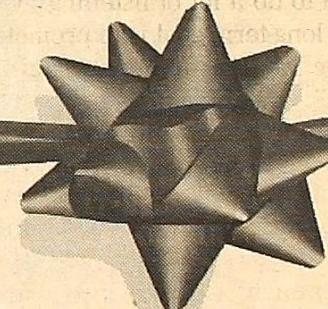
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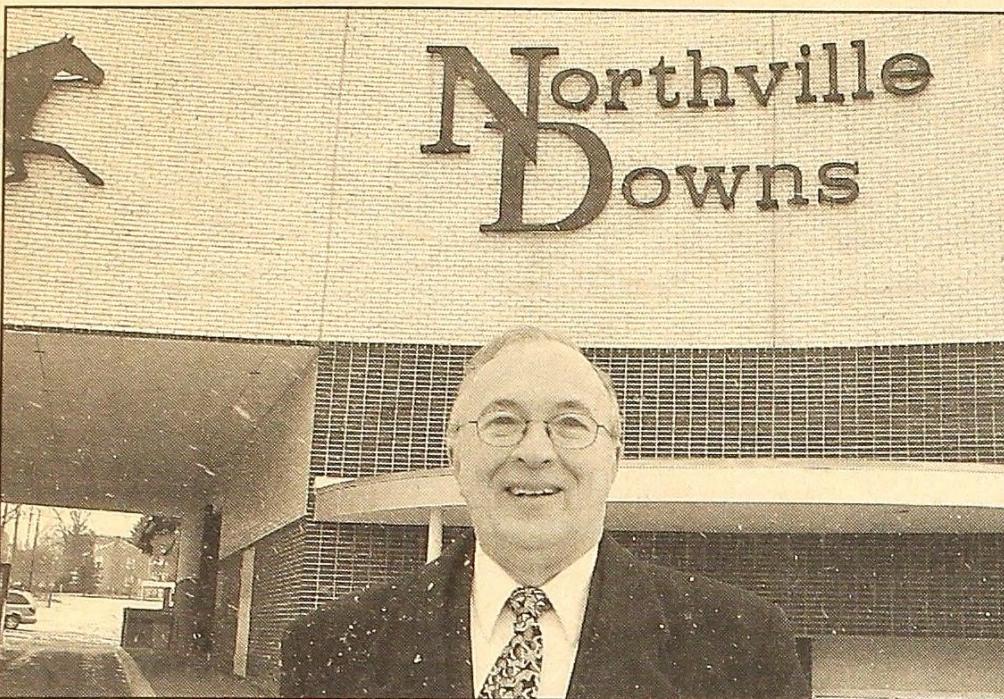
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Former state legislator Bob Geake was appointed Michigan Racing Commissioner by Gov. John Engler. Geake plans to promote the economic health of racetracks in his new position.

Former senator named new racing commissioner

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

With his 10-acre horse farm in Northville Township, former senator Bob Geake is no stranger to the horse industry.

It's a perspective he brought to the Michigan legislature where he served for 26 years, and he'll bring it to his new post as Michigan Racing Commissioner. He was appointed to the post by Gov. John Engler two weeks ago. Geake replaces Annette Bacola of Grosse Pointe Farms, who resigned.

"I plan to do a lot of listening," Geake said. "My long-term goal is to promote the economic health of horse racing in Michigan."

Geake said when he was a member of the senate he was the only senator to represent two racetracks, Northville Downs and the now closed Ladbrooke DRC in Livonia. He served in the state House of Representatives for the 35th District from 1973 to 1977, then in the Senate from 1977 to 1998, representing many communities including Plymouth, Canton Township and Northville.

Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson said Geake served very honorably as both state representative and senator. Johnson said he was happy to hear of Geake's recent appointment.

"I think it should work out very well,"

Johnson said. "I hope he'll stay in tune with Northville wishes. It's nice to have a Northville resident in that position."

Geake said he has no specific plans for Northville Downs, but would like to see all racetracks be more economically successful.

As a legislator, Geake said he didn't support bringing other forms of gambling into racetracks. That was in the past, though, when there were no casinos in the state.

"Now that we have casino gambling in the state of Michigan, I am willing to take a second look at bringing other forms of gambling to the racetrack," Geake said, adding that the decision to expand gaming would be a legislative one and not one of the racing commissioner. Legislation to expand non-horse gambling at Michigan racetracks was defeated recently in Lansing.

Geake was born in Detroit and grew up in Ferndale. He moved to Northville with his wife, Carol, in 1962 where they raised their children. Geake is an educational psychologist whose most recent appointment was serving as the state Children's Ombudsman since November of 2001. He started as an investigator for the office in 1999.

Geake said he plans to split his time evenly between Lansing and the racing commissioner's office in Livonia. His term expires Dec. 31 2004.

Man arraigned in kidnapping

Scott Spielman
Editor

A Livonia man was arraigned last week on a charge of kidnapping his estranged wife and assaulting her, according to Northville Township Police.

Police Lt. Ray Garbarino said the man, Shaun Skelton, allegedly forced his wife into the passenger seat of her vehicle on Dec. 14 in the area of Five Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

He physically assaulted her there, and as he drove off with her, Garbarino said, and at one time pulled her hair to keep her from getting out of the vehicle.

The suspect allegedly told the victim that he was going to kill her and dump her in the Detroit River, according to Garbarino, who added that the two didn't have a history of trouble between them.

"As far as we know, there wasn't a histo-

ry of assault," he said.

The victim's terrifying ride ended in a parking lot in Ecorse next to the Detroit River, Garbarino said. She was able to escape Skelton, flee to a gas station and call police. Ecorse officers arrived promptly, arrested Skelton and turned him over to Northville Township authorities, Garbarino said.

He was charged with one count of kidnapping and arraigned Dec. 17 in front of Chief Judge John MacDonald at the 35th District Court. He ordered Skelton to be held on a \$100,000 cash bond. His preliminary court examination is set for Dec. 30, Garbarino said.

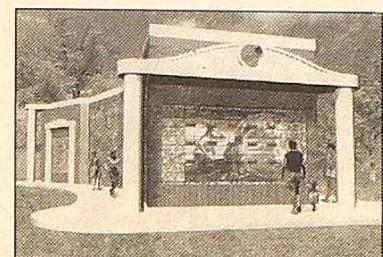
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"Emotionally, her injuries were a lot more severe," he said.

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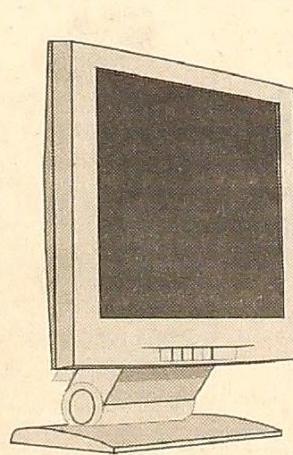
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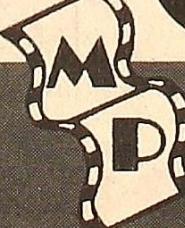
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Church to purchase Beck Road site

Scott Spielman
Editor

One of the final obstacles between Northville Township officials and their desire to acquire an additional 20 acres of land adjacent to Community Park was cleared last week.

The United Assembly of God church, which currently meets in Plymouth Township, announced it intends to purchase the front half of the 40-acre site that contains the former Our Lady of Providence Center, according to a spokesman.

Located on Beck Road north of Five Mile Road in Northville Township, the site served as a residence for developmentally disabled women for nearly 50 years. It closed last year, but it will soon see new life as the home of the 100 ministries currently housed by United Assembly of God a few miles away, on North Territorial Road.

"Simply put, we ran out of room," said the Rev. Ken Hubbard of United Assembly.

He said the facility there would be ideal for the growing church; the many individual residences inside would house multiple classrooms, an activity center and more. The church originated in 1931 and has grown to more than 1,000 parishioners, he said.

Before the deal could be finalized, the township had to modify a zoning ordinance, which didn't allow for churches of more than

Hubbard said the remodeling that will take place at the site would help transform the property into something worthy of the \$400,000 homes that make up the majority of neighbors in the area.

50,000 square feet to be located in a residential zone. The amendment, which township trustees unanimously approved last week, sets provisions for large churches in residential zones. Those greater than 50,000 square feet or with a seating capacity of more than 1,000, must be located on at least 20 acres of land off a major thoroughfare, be no more than 48 feet tall and must be at least one mile away from another place of public assembly larger than 50,000 square feet. They are designed to provide a transition between non-residential and residential uses.

Hubbard said the remodeling that will take place at the site would help transform the property into something worthy of the \$400,000 homes that make up the majority of neighbors in the area.

"We have the same goals," he told the board. "You're trying to build a stronger community and I think if you want to build a strong community you have to build strong lives. Hopefully, that's where we come in."

Township Supervisor Mark Abbo said the partnership between the two groups was already a good one. Township

officials and the church are working together to solidify any easements that might be required because of the close proximity to the proposed church and the proposed parkland, which will ultimately take the form of soccer fields. The two sides have already indicated a willingness to work out parking details, too.

"Hopefully we'll have a long association with the church," Abbo said.

The township will pay about \$1.2 million for the 20 acres, which will expand Community Park to 118 acres.

"We should be closing on the property in January," he added, with his fingers crossed.



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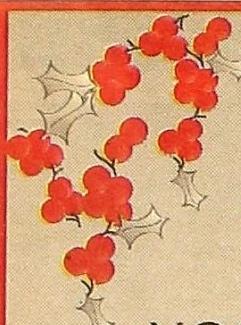
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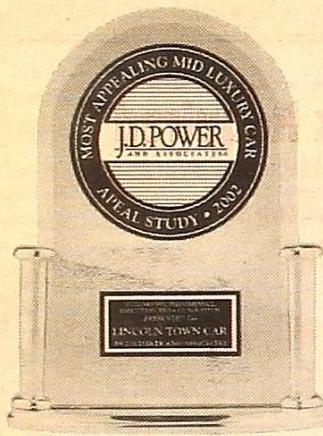
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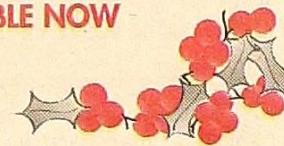
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Staff Writer

Several communities sponsored decorating contests for homes or businesses during this holiday season, with winners receiving gift certificates, cash and special recognition.

In Belleville, the Central Business Community (CBC) sponsored a contest among downtown merchants, with the top prize going to Huron Valley Realty, whose front windows featured carolers in Victorian dress and a winter house scene.

The company, owned by Juanita Baran, won a \$50 gift certificate good at more than 40 Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce members' businesses.

Second place in the CBC con-

test went to Belvil Century 21 Realty, which received a CBC T-shirt and a Belleville Area Museum commemorative mug.

Honorable mentions were given to Pawlus Roberts Brothers Funeral Home, Main Street Flowers and the Styling Center.

The City of Belleville Home Decorating Contest included four divisions: mobile home parks, Harbour Pointe subdivision, Victoria Commons subdivision and homes in the rest of the city. Winners were Chuck and Dora Roberts, 65 Carmel; Heidi Windiate, 777 Harbour Pointe Ct.; Ronald and Donna Adkins, 481 Waterbury Court; and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dargo, 508 Robbe Ave.

Winners received a plaque and were recognized at the Dec. 16

Belleville City Council meeting.

Judges included Mayor Tom Fielder, council members Kerreen Conley and Bill Emerson, and Police Chief Paul Davis.

In Romulus, the Recreation Department conducted the annual City Lights Tour Dec. 12. Thirteen judges traveled around the city in search of the three most beautifully decorated homes this holiday season.

First place went to the home at 6600 Ball Road, whose owner will receive \$100 cash. Second place was awarded to the house at 14825 S. Huron River Dr., whose owner will be awarded \$25.

Third place went to the home at 6554 Ball Road, whose owner earned \$15.



Huron Valley Realty in Belleville won the Central Business Community annual holiday decorating contest. The business won a \$50 gift certificate good at any Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce member's business. Owner Juanita Baran, right, and associate broker Barb Conrad display the Victorian carolers in one of the realty office windows. Photo by Pam Fleming

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Secretary Ireland and an audience of seven (7).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of "New Business" Item #9, "Consider approval of the Manulife Financial Defined Contribution Pension Plan for Governmental Employees - "GUST" Amendment and Restatement". Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of December 2, 2002 as presented with the following correction under "New Business" Item #2 "Thursday, February 28, 2003" should read "Friday, February 28, 2003". Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2002 as presented with the following correction under "New Business" Item #2 "Thursday, February 28, 2003" should read "Friday, February 28, 2003". Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2002 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King read a memorandum from Environmental Director Swallow dated December 17, 2002 advising of two hazardous waste incidents involving Environmental Quality Company (EQ) and Waste Management. EQ shipped three 55-gallon drums of waste that were incorrectly identified on November 25th and again on December 12th EQ shipped additional waste in which the analysis used had not been done correctly and was sent to the Woodland Meadows Landfill. Woodland Meadows legally accepted the waste based on EQ's declaration that it was non-hazardous waste. Appropriate regulating agencies (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the USEPA Region 5 and Wayne County) have been notified and involved. An Excavation Plan has been prepared by EQ, for waste separation, removal and disposal. Even though Van Buren has no regulatory authority, the township's environmental consultant will review all reports and plans and provide recommendations for any additional measures that may be prudent to prevent possible environmental contamination or any health risks. Additionally, EQ will provide a full briefing on the incidents at the next Community Involvement Council (CIC) meeting, scheduled for December 18.

A note from a township resident thanking Deputy Director Smolen for his assistance in identifying a potential furnace hazard.

Clerk Payne announced that Supervisor King was elected to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association (MMRMA) Board of Directors, the township's general liability insurance carrier.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the final 2002 General Fund Budget Amendments, noting items A through E of Treasurer Budd's memorandum dated December 10, 2002. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the 2003 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments for Federal and State Forfeiture Funds as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to approve the final 2002 Water and Sewer Fund Budget Amendments and to approve the 2003 proposed Water and Sewer Fund Budget as recommended by the Water and Sewer Commission. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-41 Annual Block Party and Road Closure Permit. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-42 Liquor License Application Handbook. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the combination of parcels V125-83-083-01-0046-000 (Lot 46 McMullan Bros. Huron Hills Sub.), V125-83-083-01-0047-000 (Lot 47 McMullan Bros. Huron Hills Sub.) and V125-83-083-01-0048-000 (Lot 48, McMullan Bros. Huron Hills Sub.) specifically noting items one through six of the Parcel Division Board's memorandum dated December 10, 2002. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the establishment of an Animal Control Department Endowment Committee as outlined in the Supervisor's memorandum dated December 10, 2002, and to approve the appointment of Treasurer Budd as the Township Board Representative and to approve the appointments Marcia LaFramboise and Harold "Speed" Gant to the Animal Control Department Endowment Committee with terms to expire January 1, 2004. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the road design engineering contract with Wade-Tim for Engineering Design Services in an amount not to exceed \$488,100 as outlined in Director Kelley's memorandums dated December 11 and 17, 2002 subject to an original, signed document from Visteon for potential reimbursement to Van Buren Township and satisfactory review and approval of said letter from Van Buren Township legal counsel. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Manulife Financial Defined Contribution Pension Plan for Governmental Employees - "Gust" Amendment and Restatement as presented. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the December 17, 2002 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: November 2002, Budgetary Report ordered received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Township Administrative offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24, 2002 and Wednesday, December 25, 2002 and Tuesday, December 31, 2002 and Wednesday January 1, 2003 for the holiday season.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 due to holiday and training schedules. This will be the only Board Meeting held in January.

Recreation and Facilities Director Ross announced that the final special event of the year is the Holiday Crafts for Kids on Saturday, December 21, 2002. The first session is from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon for ages four to seven, and the second session is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for ages eight to twelve. For further information on this and other classes and programs contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

The Recreation Program for winter classes is available at Township Hall.

Recreation and Facilities Director Ross thanked the crafters who participated in the craft show on Saturday, December 7, 2002.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): 34th District Court Judge-Elect David Parrott introduced himself to audience members and advised that he will make himself available to discuss issues regarding the 34th District Court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

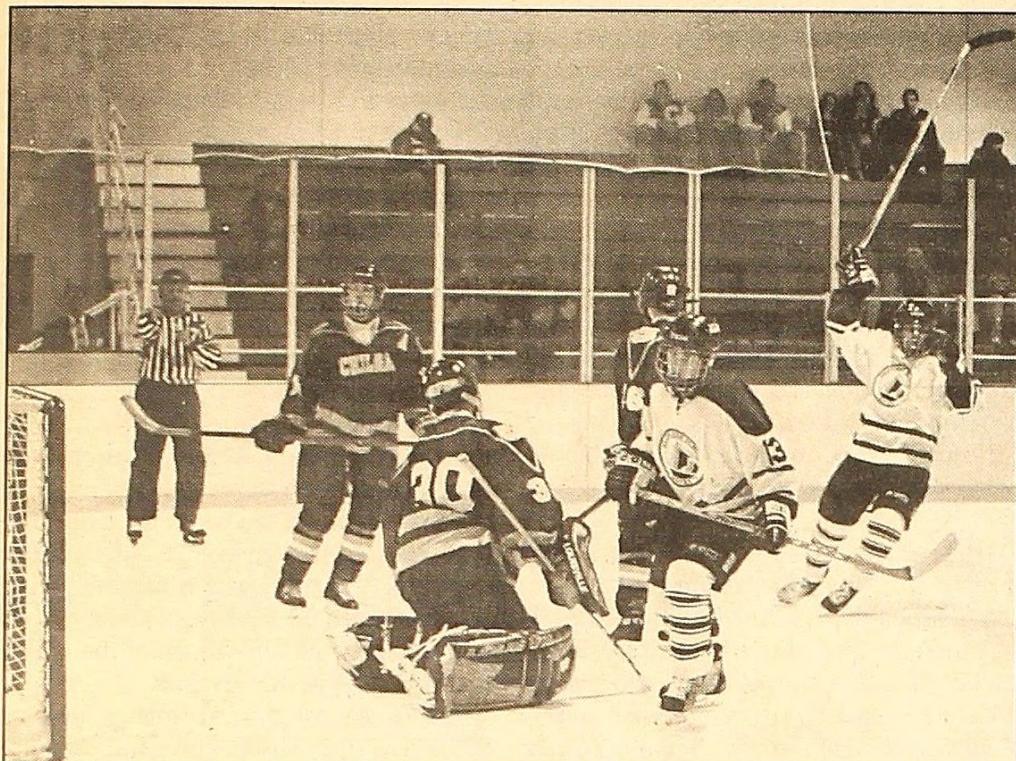
ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

SPORTS



The Salem Rocks men's hockey team has been all but unstoppable in the first part of the 2002-2003 season. They're 8-0 going into winter break. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

Rocks stay perfect through 8 games

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Salem Rocks mens' hockey team continued their unbeaten streak last Wednesday.

The Rocks scored :43 seconds into the game and never looked back as they topped the Livonia Stevenson Spartans, 4-2. The win took the Rocks to 8-0 on the year.

"It was a good, physical game," said Salem Coach Fred Feiler. "Both teams worked very hard."

Mark Nagel put the Rocks on the board

with the quick early goal. He got assists from Adam Gillikin and John Schultz.

Schultz and Nagel teamed up again at the 7:14 mark, but this time it was Schultz who took a feed from Nagel and made it good.

Jeff Harris added to the lead in the second period, when he took a pass from Nagel and Bryan Young.

Brandon Wilcox capped off the Rocks' scoring with a tally about halfway through the period. Andy Thackaberry and Mike Barr helped out on the goal.

See **Rocks**, page 12

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2002-35 DECEMBER 17, 2002

Special Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:31 p.m. to receive a Legal Opinion from the City Attorney.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: December 26, 2002

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2002-36 DECEMBER 17, 2002

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Approved minutes of Regular meeting December 3, 2002. Held Public Hearing and approved first reading to rezone the City-owned vacant land located on the north side of Van Born Rd. from B-2 to R-3. Presented Presentation of Certificates of Participation to the 2003 Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program participants. APPROVED: site plans for Makky Building, 3616 Elizabeth St. & 35505 Mich. Ave. W., Hilltop Wood Products, 37328 Van Born Rd., Psych Systems, 35640 Mich. Ave. W.; awarded bid for purchase of City-owned property at 4029 Randolph St.; payment to The Senior Alliance, Inc., for 2003 Membership Dues; compensation plan for City Attorney; Intergovernmental Agreement for Merriman Rd. Resurfacing Proj.; new SDM licenses business located at 4090 Second St. Deferred site plan for Reighard Graphics, 3445 Filbert St. until the 1st mtg. in Jan. Called Public Hearing for January 21, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. to consider rezoning the vacant land on Mich. Ave. between Grace Ave. & John Hix Rd. Called Special Meeting for January 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss FY '03-'04 Goals. Received and Filed Communications & Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: December 26, 2002

It's 5 games, 5 wins for Belleville

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Belleville Tigers mens' basketball team played through a grueling schedule last week, but they won all their games – including an 88-82 victory over Wayne Memorial in triple overtime – to stay undefeated on the year.

Belleville 65, Taylor Truman 59

Coach Mike Krogel said it was a strong third quarter performance that spelled the difference against the Cougars.

"Defensively, we didn't do a very good job in the first period," He said.

Both teams started the game evenly, he said. They both put up 18 points in the first and 11 in the second to take a 29-29 tie into halftime.

The Tigers went on a 13-7 run in the third period.

"We did a much better job of taking control of the defensive boards, he said. "That limited their second chance opportunities and that, of course, cut down on their points."

But the lead very nearly didn't hold up, according to Krogel. He said Belleville

Defensively, we didn't do a very good job in the first period.

Mike Krogel
Coach, Belleville Tigers

was up by 12 points with four minutes to go when the Cougars started to hit their inside shots. They put up 16 points in the last four minutes of play to close the gap and threaten to retake the lead.

"It kind of kept it interesting," he said. Belleville held on for the win, though.

Darryl Hudson and Martin Smarco led the Tigers on the night. Each had 15 points. Alex Davenport had 14 points and Greg Bond and Tyler Jones had seven.

Monroe 41, Belleville 51

A strong second half carried the Tigers over the Trojans. Smarco scored six

See **Tigers**, page 12

CITY OF INKSTER INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Inkster will receive sealed bids at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan until 11:00A.M. Friday, January 17, 2003 at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read for the

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Specifications and bid forms are available after 3:00 p.m., December 26, 2002 in the Purchasing Department, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Information regarding specifications can be directed to Kimberly Turner, City Clerk (313) 563-9767, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE CITY OF INKSTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, TO AWARD SPLIT BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES AND ACCEPT ANY BID IT MAY DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, Michigan 48141

Publish: December 26, 2002

CITY OF INKSTER MEETING ABSTRACT

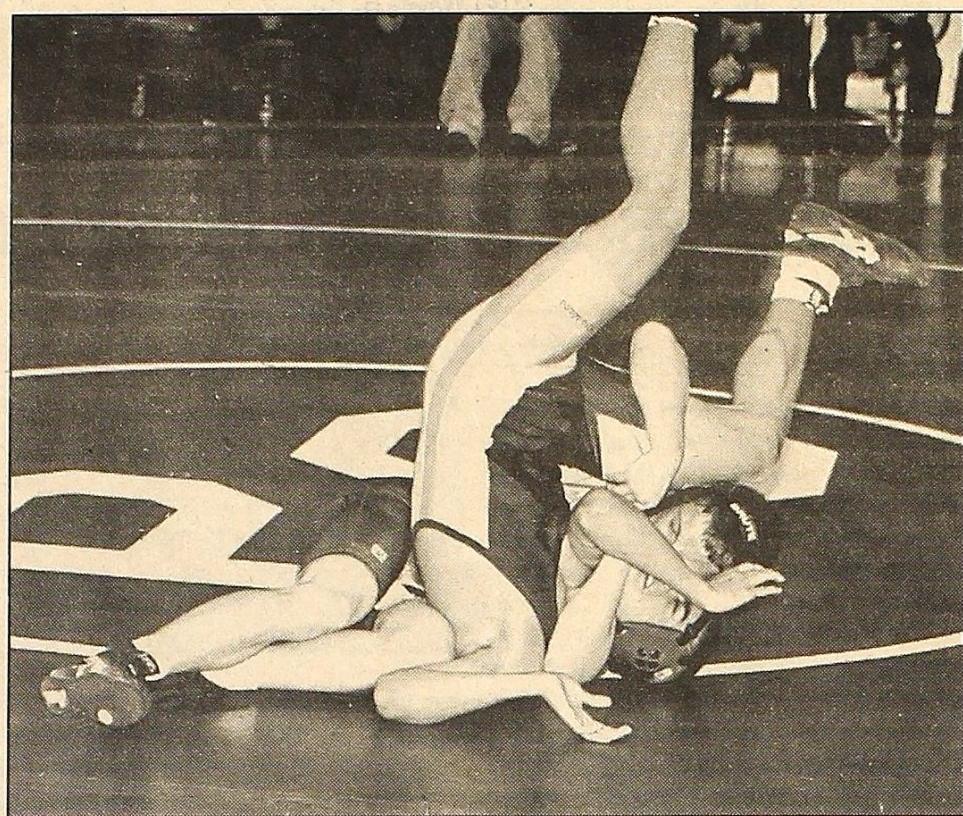
THE City Council met at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, December 2, 2002. All members were present. Moment of Silence - In Remembrance of Councilwoman Naomi E. James. Public Hearing to discuss Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. APPROVED: Minutes from 11/18/02 council meeting; removal of Albert Potts and appointment of Earl Newton and Martin Bryant to the Parks & Recreation Commission; \$3,015.47 to Tetra Tech MPS; \$499.90 to Wade-Tim; solicitation of sealed bids for brush grind and hauling; solicitation of sealed bids for prisoner lock-up; Reliability Study to Wade Trim; rescinding council resolution numbers 02-3-157, 01-8-383, 02-2-96; solicitation of sealed bids for in-car computer laptops; solicitation of quotes for AS/400 Operating System Software upgrades; \$24,750.00 to Sani-Vac Services; \$760.66 to Wayne County Department of Public Services; sell of excess equipment; hosting the 34th Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2003; closure of Inkster Road for parade; agreement with Chateau Cherry Hill Senior Development; \$6,977.25 to MDEQ; \$6,500.00 to Cadillac Asphalt Paving Company; June 30, 2002 audit presentation for 12/18.

THE City Council met at 7:11 p.m., for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2002. All members were present. The purpose of the meeting was to consider replacement of vacant council seat for District III. MEETINGS adjourned at 9:53 and 7:34 p.m., respectively.

(Full text available upon request)

Mrs. Kimberly Turner
Inkster Clerk

Publish: December 26, 2002



Wrestlemania

High school wrestlers don't always get to take a break during the holidays. Teams from throughout the community, including Belleville, John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Northville, Canton and Salem will converge at Phase III for the Salem B Invitational Saturday morning. The day-long affair starts at 9:30 a.m.

Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

Tigers - Smarco sparks win over Trojans

FROM PAGE 11

points, all in the fourth quarter to help Belleville edge away from Monroe, according to Krogel.

"It was nip and tuck throughout the first half," he said.

Both teams scored nine points in the first and 12 in the second. It was Bond who broke the deadlock for the final time - he sank a three-pointer at the end of the third.

The Tigers eventually pushed their lead to 10, with a good deal of help from Smarco.

"He gave us a boost to give us the 10-

point lead," Krogel said.

Davenport led Belleville with 16 points and 11 rebounds on the night. Hudson put up 14 points. Danny DeLaTorre scored eight points and Tyler Jones added six points and five assists. Smarco had eight rebounds to go with his six points.

The Tigers' next home game is Jan. 7, when they take on Dearborn, followed by a Jan. 10 game against Ypsilanti. Krogel said he expects tight contests against both teams.

"(Dearborn) is playing real well right now, and Ypsilanti is much improved over last year," he said.

Rocks - Salem rolls to a perfect, 8-0 start

FROM PAGE 11

The goal gave the Rocks a 4-0 lead going into the third quarter, but then the Spartans kicked up their heels. They scored third first goal on a power play and their second after they emptied the net for the extra man.

The two goals were the only ones allowed by the Rocks, though.

"They just managed to sneak a few in," Feiler said.

The unbeaten Rocks return to the ice on Jan. 3, when they host Walled Lake Central at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The game starts at 8 p.m.

CITY OF ROMULUS

REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR

BID 02/03-51 One (1) 2003, 6-8 Yard Dump Truck w/Plow,
Tarp Underbody Scraper
& Salt Spreader

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 942-7564 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2003. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE

BID 02/03-51 - One (1) 2003, 6-8 Yard Dump Truck w/Plow, Tarp Underbody Scraper & Salt Spreader
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

Romulus wins 3rd straight

The Romulus Eagles men's basketball team has won three straight since dropping their season opener to the Wayne Zebras.

This week it was Lincoln Park and Willow Run who fell to the red-hot Eagles, according to Romulus Coach Nate Oates.

Romulus 54, Lincoln Park 39

The Eagles defense clamped down on the Railsplitter's offense in the second quarter to propel Romulus to victory last Tuesday. They gave up only three points during that frame to take a 26-15 lead into half time, according to Oates.

"Our defense started to take over," he said. "We just held them off in the second half."

Romulus took a 14-12 lead after the first quarter and maintained their comfortable lead in the third quarter. The Railsplitters trimmed the lead by two in the third, to 36-27, but that's as close as they would get. An 18-12 run in the fourth quarter was all the Eagles needed to shut the door on Lincoln Park, despite a less than stellar night from the free throw line. They were nine-for-26.

"It would have been a much better win for us if we were better from the line, but it's still a good win," Oates said. It was the Eagles' first road game.

Coleman led the Eagles with 14 points in the win. Carter put up 10 points and Ron Buckley contributed nine. Anre Partee had six.

Romulus 65, Willow Run 55

Friday night, the Eagles gave up 46 points in the first half, but managed to recover against Willow Run, Oates said.

Willow Run put up 20 points in the first and 23 in the second to take a 43-39 lead

into half time. Romulus scored 17 in the first and 22 in the second, Oates said. Donnell Patterson scored 16 points in the first half for Willow Run.

"I was a little perturbed," Oates said. "We made a lot of adjustments in the second half. I let them know that I wasn't going to take 43 points in a half again, and they responded well. It was probably as upset as I've ever been at halftime."

One change was to put Karvens Paillere on Patterson for the second half of the game. Paillere stepped up, keeping Patterson to only two points in the third and a lone three-pointer in the fourth.

The Eagles kept Willow Run to only four points in the third quarter and after that kept them off the board for nine solid minutes. Romulus scored 12 points in the third and 14 in the fourth while only giving up 12 points in the final two frames.

Oates gave Paillere much of the credit for the defensive turnaround.

"He just brought a different level of defensive intensity to the game," Oates said. "He played great."

Buckley led the team with 16 points on the night. Partee put up 12 points and had five assists. Coleman scored 11 points and brought back eight boards.

The Eagles once again suffered at the free throw line, though. They were only eight-for-20.

"We need to get that straightened out before it costs us a game," Oates said.

The win brings the Eagles to 3-1 overall.

"It was a good win to take onto the Christmas break," Oates said.

Their next game is at home at 7 p.m. on January 10, when they take on River Rouge.

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Wayne wins first game in new league, 61-54

The Wayne Zebras rebounded from a tough triple-overtime loss against Belleville to open their league season on a positive note Thursday. They topped the Salem Rocks 61-54.

"We just dug down and scratched one out," said Wayne Coach Wayne Woodard.

The Rocks and the Zebras each won two quarters apiece, but Wayne was a little tougher Thursday.

They went out to a 15-7 lead in the first quarter, but Salem edged back in the second. They trimmed the lead to only three points at half time, 25-22.

Wayne all but put Salem out of the game with a 21 point third quarter. The Rocks only put 12 points on the board. They weren't done, though and outscored Wayne 20-16 in the fourth quarter.

Salem was victimized at the free throw line, which turned out to be their downfall. They were seven-for-17, while the Zebras were 15-of-18.

Jonathon Raspberry led the Zebras with 19 points. Jenois Safford contributed 13 points; T.J. McClain had 12 and Darre Johnson had 10.

"It was pretty balanced," Woodard said. "Every game has

been like that."

Dave Hoskins led the Rocks with 30 points on the night.

"It was almost like he could score whenever he wanted to," Woodard said. "He made it look easy."

Woodard said it was good to open the league season with a win, particularly after their heart wrenching loss last Tuesday against Belleville. It took a long time for the Zebras to fall to the Tigers, even though Belleville didn't take the lead until the second overtime period.

"It was really a great high school basketball game,"

Woodard said. "It was too bad we came out on the short end of it."

That is if you call describe a game that ends after three overtime periods as 'short.'

Wayne won the first two quarters and took a 36-27 lead into half time.

Belleville went on a 17-8 run in the third and the score was tied at 44 going into the fourth quarter. Each team put up 11 points in that frame, and each scored 12 in the first two overtime periods. Belleville had the edge in the third overtime, scoring nine and allowing three.

The Zebras had another well-

rounded effort from their top four. Raspberry put up 25 points in the win. Safford put up 22 points. McClain put up 17 points and Johnson contributed 14.

For Belleville it was Alex Davenport with 24 points; Darryl Hudson with 24 and Martin Smarco with 12.

Wayne is now 3-1 on the year. They'll take on Davison on Friday as part of the Motor City Classic at the University of Detroit High School. Woodard said they're a tall, fast team.

"They've got a lot of good athletes," he said. "We'll have to play good."

Defense catapults John Glenn Rockets to a 3-0 start

Scott Spielman
Editor

John Glenn 59, Willow Run, 54

The Rockets were successful on their first road game of the season Thursday.

Jarret Smith led the team with an all around effort; he had 27 points, 11 rebounds and five assists on the night, according to Coach Joel Lloyd.

Willow Run jumped out to an early lead, 14-10 after the first quarter. The Rockets trimmed it to 22-24 at half time and then traded baskets in the third quarter. Both teams put up 21 points, and the

scored was John Glenn, 33, Willow Run 35.

Down by two going into the fourth quarter, the Rockets turned on the steam, according to Lloyd.

"The kids really stood up and played solid defense during the last eight minutes of the game," he said. "It was close the whole way through. We got our setups when it counted."

Brandon Westbrook had 13 points and five rebounds. John Adams had eight points and six assists on the night.

Ypsilanti 46, John Glenn 55

Darnell Wilson had 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Rockets over the Braves last Tuesday.

"He's very active at the glass at both ends of the court," Lloyd said.

This game was also close until the fourth quarter, according to Lloyd. John Glenn led 12-9 after the first, 22-20 at half time, and 34-30 at the end of the third quarter. They were only 14 of 20 from the line.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF RENEWAL PERIOD FOR 2003 DOG LICENSES

The 2003 dog tags are now available for sale in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. All dogs six months of age or older must be licensed (certificate of rabies vaccination required) and wear a collar with current tag attached. Tags obtained by February 28, 2003, will be at a lesser fee.

Fees during annual licensing period ending February 28, 2003

Regular license	\$ 10.00*
License for spayed or neutered dogs	\$ 5.00*
Replacement or transfer license	\$ 1.00

Fees from March 1 thru December 30, 2003

Regular license	\$ 20.00
License for spayed or neutered dogs	\$ 20.00
Replacement or transfer license	\$ 1.00

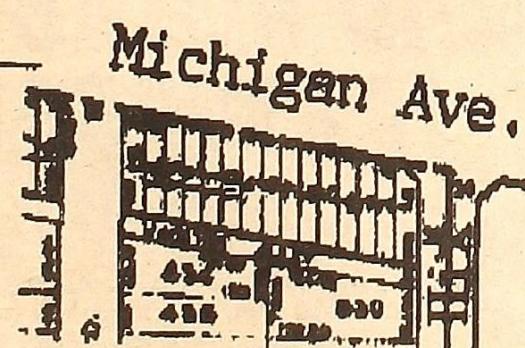
*Dogs under six months of age or owned for less than 10 days qualify for these rates at any time of the year.

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the City of Wayne will hold a public hearing on January 14, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider re-zoning Lots 1 through 15 of Louis Savage Garfield Park Subdivision from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Business Extensive District).

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City of Wayne City Council for its consideration. Inquiries: (734) 722-2002



Peter J. McInerney
Community Development Director

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WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Architect will receive sealed bids for:

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF TOMLINSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEW WATER MAIN

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 3335 S. BEECH DALY DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48125

Bid proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in private:

Time: Thursday, January 14, 2003 Ca, 2:30 pm

Place: Westwood Community School District
Equilla F. Bradford Administrative Center
3335 S. Beech Daly
Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after Tuesday, January 07, 2003

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC, Architects-Engineers-Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; the McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Corporation Plan Room, Southfield, Michigan; the CMD Plan Room, Novi, Michigan or the Construction Association of Michigan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Invited Bidders, upon payment of \$25.00 deposit, may obtain bidding document from the office of the Architect, consisting of two (2) sets of Drawings and Specifications.

Deposits will be refunded upon return of the bidding Documents to the architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals provided the documents are completed, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

Bidder should visit the existing school buildings, examine and verify conditions under which their work must be conducted, before submitting proposal.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of thirty (30) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and labor and material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

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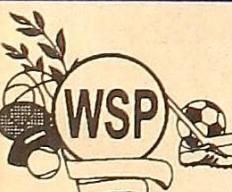


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COACH'S NAME: Rhonda McCallister

SCHOOL: Romulus High School

SPORT: Girl's Basketball

REASON FOR NOMINATION:
Coached team to league championship in Blue Division with 10 wins and two losses.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR COMMENTS: "Rhonda has a remarkable record, winning the league championship in only her second year coaching at Romulus High School. Rhonda has coached for seven years prior to Romulus. Her players are young so success should continue as they adapt to her system. Rhonda has been a counselor for four years and is very well liked by her peers and the students."



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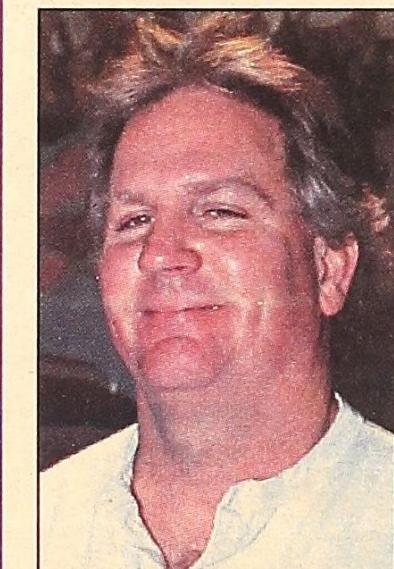
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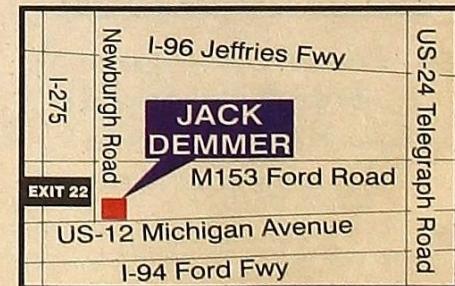


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